

IN THE CLAIMS

Do Not Enter 1. - 37. (cancelled)
/M.O./ 38. (currently amended) A method for distribution of content, the method comprising:

- receiving, from a user terminal, a request that includes content specifying information which specifies the content desired by a user;
- transmitting the content specifying information to a content provider;
- obtaining the specified content from the content provider;
- encrypting the specified content using a content key;
- adding a content ID of the specified content to the encrypted content;
- transmitting the encrypted content and the added content ID through the user terminal to a player;
- generating a use condition associated with the content ID for specifying use of the specified content in accordance with the use condition; and
- at a time subsequent to the transmitting of the encrypted content and the added content ID through the user terminal to the player,
 - receiving, when the user wishes to reproduce the encrypted content using the player, a request for the content key and the use condition from the player through the user terminal, the request including the content ID,
 - in response thereto, transmitting the content key and the use condition through the user terminal to the player,
 - receiving, from the player through the user terminal, an encoded message ~~indicating~~ confirming